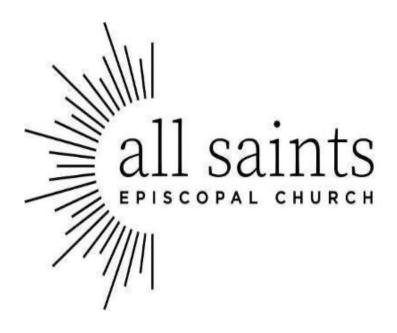
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 2023 AT 10:30_{AM}



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6301 PARKMAN PLACE
CINCINNATI

If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us today! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about all of the wonderful offerings we have at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Please feel free to also find out more about us on our website at allsaintscincinnati.org

ARTIST'S NOTE

"Don't shrink. Don't puff up. Stand your sacred ground" – Brene Brown, *The Gifts of Imperfection*.

When we think of talents and gifts, the gifts we have are not always what first comes to mind when someone says "Oh, they're gifted" or "Oh, they're so talented". We first think of art, music, speaking, sports, writing, etc.: physical things we can see and hear. But in a broken and weary world as this, the gifts we need most are the gifts we often don't think of: the ability to sit and truly listen and empathize towards one another, the instinct to know when you can lighten the load for one another, the ability the sorrowful and weary, the ability to bring a smile to a frowning heart. These are the gifts given to you — the ability to meet one another where they are, where you are, and love one another.

What is your loving talent? How do you best share this love with others? Being a shoulder to cry on? Taking time to listen to those who hurt? Giving your time for those in need? Take time in today's service to meditate on what your gifts of loving are to give to the world. Think of what great goodness you have to offer. For the love and gifts in your heart is the light of Christ, nurture it, tend to it, stand your sacred ground, and share it.

It is hard in a world as cruel as this to identify the gifts we are given from the hands of God. It is far harder to honor them and stand our sacred ground when naysayers diminish the value of what precious good things we have to offer to the world. We can diminish ourselves or put up our guards, but that only gets in the way of being our true and honest selves. To stand our sacred ground we must know what gifts we have been blessed with, know their value, know their worth, and know that it is a right and a good thing to share this light given to us with all.

"Advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming". It is the first season of the new church year and is a time for us to get ready both for the great Christmas feast as well as the final coming of Christ. Major themes of the season are waiting, expectation, and preparation. Major symbols revolve around light and dark, which includes the popular Advent wreath. The Christ candle sits in the center of the wreath with candles around it to represent the following virtues: hope, love, joy and peace.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

Improvisation on KINSFOLD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

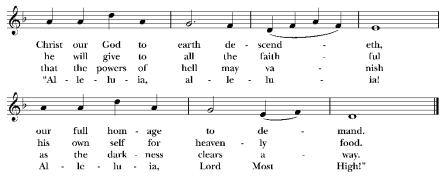
Leader: (*Lights one candle*) O Emmanuel, come to us today. Fill our empty lives with the light of your love. Fill our wasted time with the work you have given us to do. Fill our hearts and minds with joyful anticipation, as we await your coming at Christmas and your coming again for all eternity. We light this candle for hope.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our Advent wreath — a symbol of eternity in its circle, a symbol of light in its candles, and a symbol of faith as it stands and shines in our sanctuary. Come, Lord Jesus!

OPENING HYMN

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

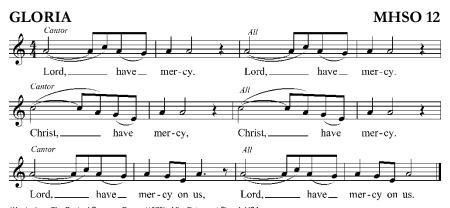
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People**And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-

as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Pray responsively by whole verse

- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kindjust as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

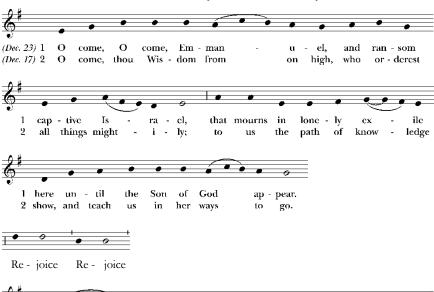
The people stand to sing the following.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Verse 1: before the Gospel, Verse 2: after the Gospel



The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. **People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Litanist: We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless. Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, and let everyone know that humanity is the work of your hand and the sheep of your flock. Restore us, O God of hosts; **show** us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory; shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence. Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming. Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray, especially ____.

We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude for

Let your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died, especially ____.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Procter Center and its staff, Directors of Christian Education and Formation, and Downtown and Urban Ministries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church North India.

Celebrant: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, for you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, our Loving Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. silence

God of all mercy,
we confess that we
have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

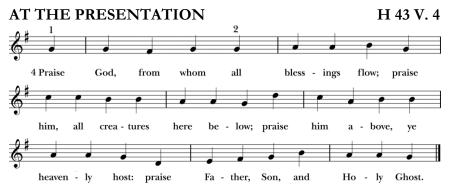
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Andre Thomas

Keep Your Lamps



This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

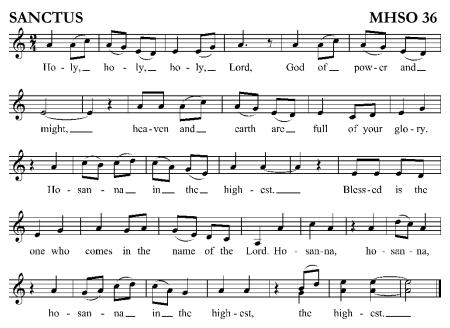
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He

yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

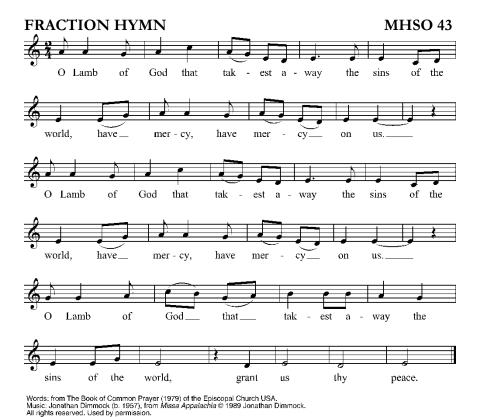
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.

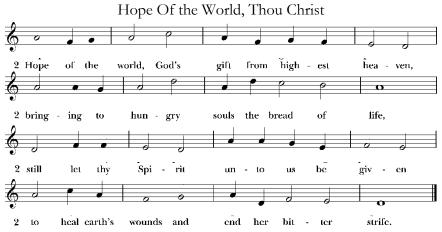
All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing.

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COMMUNION HYMN



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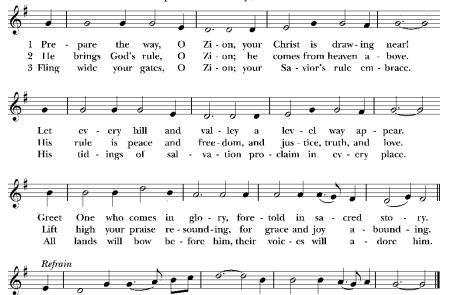
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Standing; said by all.

Eternal God,
heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those we make the journey with. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Prepare The Way, O Zion



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THE DISMISSAL

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Oh.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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People Thanks be to God

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Ethan Neal

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Improvisation on Bereden vag for Herran

Serving Today 12/3

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

Advent Wreath: The Kramer Family

Musicians: Ethan Neal and All Saints Choir

Readers: Dorothy Powell and John Spain **Server:** Johnny Arguedas

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Usher: Tom Carter

Altar Guild: Bonnie Spain and Sherrie O'Rear Communion Bread: Erica Bowen Coffee Hour: Emily and Andy Burton

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD

Christmas Gifts for Woodford Academy Students



This year, All Saints is partnering with Woodford Academy Elementary School in Kennedy Heights to help 10 families give their children the holiday season they deserve. We'll be collecting monetary donations that will be used for clothing and non-

clothing gifts. Donations must be received by December 8. Please consider making a generous gift to make the holiday special for these kids. For fund select "Outreach" and Subfund "Woodford Academy Gifts."

Poinsettias on Christmas Eve



Consider sharing in the beauty of flowers this Christmas Eve and give thanks for or remember a loved one with a poinsettia. You can purchase poinsettias for \$25 each and a list of remembrances

and thanksgivings will be listed in the bulletin. Orders will be accepted through December 17th. You can purchase one by way of a paper form on Sunday mornings or online via the QR code below.

Advent and Christmas at All Saints

Sunday, Dec. 10th: Advent Lessons & Carols featuring the All Saints Choir

Sunday, Dec. 17th: All Saints Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

Please note there will be **no Sunday morning service on 12/24

Christian Formation and Saints (and Sinners) Club on Dec. 13th

Join us Wednesday, December 13th at Wiedemann's Brewery for both Christian Formation and our monthly Saints (and Sinners) Club. Austin Hattori will host his final Christian Foundations class prior to the start of Saints (and Sinners). Come early at 6pm to participate in both or come at 7pm for just Saints (and Sinners).

Ways to Give



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash or checks in the offering plate. You can donate via text by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give by credit card by scanning the

QR code below.

Parish Prayer List

Join us in praying for Jeanne Longeway, Sherrie O'Rear, Jean McOsker, the Family of Beth Bruin, Kristi Barnes, Pat H., Joshua Bermudez, JoAnn and Mike Griffin, Rob S., Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to

the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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